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GAP BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC PRICES OF LPG AND KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the gap between international and domestic prices of LPG and kerosene;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to bridge the gap between domestic and international prices?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): Domestic LPG and PDS Kerosene are subsidized products. After the dismantling of administered pricing mechanism in the petroleum sector effective 1st April 2002, the Government subsidies on these products are on flat rate basis. The changes in the consumer prices of these products, after taking into account the flat rate of subsidy, are to be made by the oil marketing companies.